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ST. LOUIS, MO.,

November 25th 1907

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, California.

Dear Mr. Muir Your letter of the 15th instant has just reached me, on my return from the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress. But the printed petition to the Secretary of the Interior & the description of Netch-Netchy were received by me on my arrival at Muskogee, where Convention was held.

The body assembled was so large, and the financial question so pressing, while "Keep Water Ways from the Lakes to the Gulf" kept a good record, that opportunity was <sup>not</sup> found to press the particular question as to Netch-Netchy. But <sup>the</sup> forestry policy was approved, and the tone of the Congress was favorable to the preservation of our Reserves.

This Congress will meet at San Francisco next year, and something should be done to prevent adverse action by it, because of local influence - for it is certainly <sup>has</sup> a power on public opinion.

It would be of a great retreat for the Department to allow this beautiful "Counterpart of the Yosemite" as you term it, to be converted into a lake; and I hope the Secretary will hold fast to the good things he has under his control of that kind.

You are very kind in your expressions as to my work, which was greatly supported, if not inspired by yourself, and I thank you. Sincerely,

No doubt you will be a member of the Convention to discuss forestry, called by the President, for May next at Burlington; and I deem that will be one of the most important movements of our times.

Most Sincerely

Yours John W. Noble.